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Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, and 10 are amended herein. No new matter is added by the amendments, which are supported throughout the specification and figures. In view of the amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's input received in the telephonic Interview held on January 9, 2007.

The Examiner objects to the drawings as failing to illustrate the features of claims 1, 2, and 10. However, the Office Action gives no suggestion as to the manner of the deficiency, nor any description of any items which are missing from the figures. It is believed that all of the features of claims 1, 2, and 10 are shown in Figs. 1, 5, and 7, respectively, as exemplified in the correspondence chart presented below:

Claim 1	Fig. 1 ([0028] – [0032])
changeover unit	3-1 (within CHANGEOVER PORTION 3)
extracting unit	TRANSMISSION FREQ. CLOCK EXTRACTOR 4-1
PLL	PLL 4-2
clock changing unit (see [0032])	TRANSMISSION FREQ. CLOCK EXTRACTOR 4-1 PLL 4-2 TRANSMISSION FREQ. CLOCK CHANGING UNIT 5-1
Framing unit	FRAME GENERATOR 6 (FRAME ADDER 6-1, FRAME GENERATING UNIT 6-2)

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Claim 2	Fig. 5 ([0041] – [0044])
two extracting units	TRANSMISSION FREQ. CLOCK EXTRACTORS 2-1, 2-3
first clock changing unit	REF. CLOCK CHANGING UNIT 7-1
second clock changing unit	REF. CLOCK CHANGING UNIT 7-2
first changeover unit	3-12 (within CHANEOVER PORTION 3)
second changeover unit	3-11 (within CHANEOVER PORTION 3)
PLL	PLL 5-2
clock changing unit	TRANSMISSION FREQ. CLOCK CHANGING UNIT 5-1
Framing unit	FRAME GENERATOR 6 (FRAME ADDER 6-1, FRAME GENERATING UNIT 6-2)

Claim 10	Fig. 7 ([0047]-[0051])
redundant changeover apparatuses	40a-1, 40a-2
changeover unit	3-1
extracting unit	4-1
PLL	4-2
clock changing unit	5-1
Framing unit	6 (6-1, 6-2)

The chart presented above illustrates exemplary disclosure of the recited elements, and does not limit the claimed feature to the element described in the specification.

Applicants submit that the objection does not provide guidance to the Applicants with respect to the objection. Applicants kindly request that, should the Examiner find any items that

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are missing in the chart, the objection be presented with greater specificity in a subsequent non-final action, or alternatively, that the objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Applicants respectfully traverse.

The Examiner indicates several features of claims 1, 2, and 10 which the Examiner asserts are not clear or not shown in the drawings. However, as shown by the correspondence chart above, all of the claim features are shown in the drawings. In particular, Applicants disagree with several of the Examiner's assertions with respect to the nomenclature used in the claims, and assert that there is no requirement that the language of the claims correspond exactly to the language used in the drawings. For instance, the use of the term "clock changing unit" is acceptable as presented, and is supported adequately by the element of the "transmission frequency clock changing unit" shown in the figures. However, in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicants amend the claims to clarify the claimed subject matter. Claim 1 is amended as follows:

**1. (currently amended) A redundant changeover apparatus comprising:**

a changeover unit to change over from one to another of two input signals which are mutually asynchronous in phase,

an extracting unit to extract a clock from an output signal of the changeover unit,

a PLL circuit to receive the clock from the extracting unit  
and to output an output for inputting the extracted clock,

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a clock changing unit to provide/receive the output signal  
with a clock changed to as the output clock of the PLL circuit, and  
a framing unit to frame output data of the clock changing  
unit with the output clock.

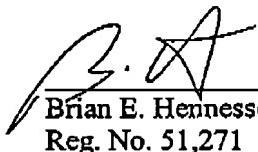
Independent claims 2 and 10 are also amended herein to clarify the subject matter recited therein.

It is respectfully submitted that the amended claims are definite and allowable, and it is therefore requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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